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SUBJECT: OVERSEAS SCHOOLS: VISAS FOR AIS STAFF

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1. LAGOS IMMIGRATION OFFICE HAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED APPLICATIONS FOR CROSBYS, HUNTS, MAARSINGH OR MCCOY. IMMIGRATION OFFICER WHO WILL HANDLE THESE APPLICATIONS IS ON LOOKOUT, BUT THINKS IT MIGHT BE SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE THEY ARRIVE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC POUCH AND HE URGES THAT NEW APPLICATIONS BE SENT THROUGH THIS EMBASSY. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST THAT EACH TRAVELER COMPLETE FOUR VISA APPLICATION FORMS WITH PASSPORT PHOTOS AND FORWARD THEM TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IMMIGRATION WILL EXPEDITE, BUT MUST ALLOW TWO WEEKS FOR POLICE CLEARANCE BEFORE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NINETY DAY VISAS. AFTER ARRIVAL AND CLEARANCE BY CABINET OFFICE, RESIDENCE VISAS WILL BE ISSUED.

2. WE HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT AND TEACHERS WILL ACT ON ABOVE RECOMMENDATION. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY WILL TRY TO GET MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO AGREE TO INSTRUCT EMBASSY TO ISSUE SHORT STAY VISAS SO TEACHERS CAN TRAVEL NOW AND REGULARIZE STATUS AFTER ARRIVAL. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THIS CAN BE DONE, HOWEVER, SINCE WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST TACIT AGREEMENT OF IMMIGRATION OFFICE. CROSBY

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